

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2009

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SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 24

Introduced by: Senator Vehle and Representatives Carson and Hamiel

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Celebrating the life of Gerhard Storm of Mitchell, South Dakota, on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

WHEREAS, Gerhard Storm was born on March 26, 1919, in Douglas County, South Dakota, to Gustav and Caroline Storm and holds much pride in being a life-long resident of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Gerhard Storm was a member of the 135th Infantry Regiment, a unit of the 34th "Red Bull" Division with Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army during World War II. Gerhard served in the Army from January 1941 through June 1945 serving as a medic as they battled through North Africa and Italy; and

WHEREAS, Gerhard Storm returned home to marry his sweetheart, Lorraine, and they celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary on September 12, 2008. Gerhard and Lorraine have six children, sixteen grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren, and when the family gathers for special occasions and celebrations there are over fifty (and counting) in attendance; and

WHEREAS, Gerhard Storm was a proud and progressive farmer for over thirty years and remains active in his church and community. Over the years Gerhard has driven over a million miles in several countries and states and enjoys activities such as dancing, playing cards, golfing, and bowling. Gerhard is often at the head of his bowling league, and recently, at age 89, bowled a 236:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Gerhard Storm be congratulated on his 90th birthday and commended for the service and support he has given to his country, his community, his church, and his family.